

**City of Evansville Common Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
City Hall, 31 S Madison St, Evansville WI 53536  
Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

**Minutes**

1. **Call to order**-The meeting was called to order by Hurlley at 6:03 pm
2. **Roll Call**- Members present: Mayor Bill Hurlley, Alderpersons Jim Brooks, Dianne Duggan, Gene Lewis, Joy Morrison, Erica Stuart, Susan Becker and Ben Ladick. Others present: City Administrator Jason Sergeant, City Treasurer Julie Roberts, City Clerk Darnisha Haley, Library Director Megan Kloeckner, Attorney Mark Schroder filling in for Mark Kopp, and members of the general public. Rick Cole was absent.
3. **Approval of Agenda**-Brooks made a motion, seconded by Duggan to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 7-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes**-Brooks made a motion, seconded by Stuart to waive the reading of the minutes of October 12<sup>th</sup> 2021 meetings and approve as presented. There was one change in Section 8H to change the word Ground to Group. Motion passed 7-0
5. **Civility reminder**- Recognition of the commitment to civility and decorum at council meeting.
6. **Citizen Appearances other than agenda items listed**-Sergeant introduced the new Community Development Director Collette Spanger to the Council.
  - A. **Public Hearing: 2022 Operational Budget**-The Public Hearing was postponed until December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 pm.
    - 1) Staff Report
    - 2) Public Hearing
    - 3) Final discussion by Council
    - 4) Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-22, 2022 Operating and Capital budget
7. **Reports of Committees**
  - A. **Library Board Report**-Kloeckner read the Library Report as follows:
    - Our application to the East Asia in Wisconsin Library Program will be fully funded in the amount of \$740.
      - The intent of the program is to give public libraries in Wisconsin the opportunity to enrich their collections with new materials and to support programming that will enable residents to deepen their understanding of East Asia (China, Japan, the Koreas, Mongolia, Tibet, Hong Kong, and Taiwan).
      - Grant is run through UW-Madison's Center for East Asian Studies, a unit within the Institute for Regional and International Studies.
    - Rock County applied for a grant through the American Rescue Plan Act to fund a business development initiative. This revolves around the county purchasing a subscription to an online business plan development tool as well as partnering with Rock County libraries to get the public connected to the service.
      - We will be receiving 2 Chromebook/WiFi hotspot kits.
    - Activities this month

- Disney Trivia Contest this Saturday (Virtual)
- Pet Show and Tell (Virtual)
- Adopt a Reading Buddy

- B. Youth Center Advisory Board Report-** Becker reported the board met on November 1<sup>st</sup> which stated at the youth center with a building tour then met at city hall to have the meeting. The current goal of the board is to rewrite the mission statement. The next meeting will be on November 29<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Plan Commission Report-** Sergeant reported that there were 3 properties that had zoning approvals in the last couple of years that are current not compliant. The engineers are going to go check on the properties and there will be formal letters sent to the property owners to get them in compliance.
- D. Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report**
- 1) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Morrison to accept the October 2021 City bills as presented in the amount of \$1,814,565.82. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.
  - 2) 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Treasurer's Report
  - 3) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Morrison to approve revised Community Development Director Contract. Motion passes 7-0 on a roll call vote.
  - 4) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Morrison to approve the 2022 through 2030 Capital Improvement Plan. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- E. Public Safety Committee Report-**Duggan reported the committee discussed several car vs pedestrian accidents that have occurred recently and how to mitigate them. The ambulance garage continues to be looked at for potential solutions based on the size of the ambulance. Duggan also reported the committee had a discussion on the ATV/UTV issues that was brought up at council last month and the committee agreed with the decision that was made in November 2020 not to peruse ATV/UTV routes within the city.
- F. Municipal Services Report-**Brooks reports there's a pole attachment agreement coming with Spectrum that will extend out into the country. APPA Legislative Rally will be February 25<sup>th</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup> in D.C..
- G. Economic Development Committee**
- 1) **Closed session:** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Duggan that Common Council convene in closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e) of the Wis. Stats Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Upon completion, Common Council will reconvene in open session. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote at 6:29 pm.  
  
The recording and livestream was stopped at this time.  
  
No action was taken during closed session and the meeting reconvened at 6:43 pm.
  - 2) Brooks made a motion, seconded by Duggan to Approve Revised Gold Shovel Certification Submission for Parcel 6-27-1150 filling in the blank on the cover sheet with \$25,000. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

- H. **Parks and Recreation Board Report-** Morrison reported the 2021 project continues with the 2<sup>nd</sup> duck house and bench; the weather has been favorable for both projects. Dave Burrows Memorial Bench & Tom Kerkenbush memorial benches will be donated to the parks. Fish stocking donation by the Kerkenbush family will take place in the spring.
  - I. **Historic Preservation Commission-**Lewis reported the following:
    - 1) A citizen that lives at 1<sup>st</sup> St and Garfield came before the committee with question about a front porch.
    - 2) 246 W Liberty-Roof, Windows and doors. The roof and doors were approved, there is more information needed for the windows.
  - J. **Fire District Report-** Brooks reported that fire calls are up about 35% from a year ago. Year to date in 2020 was 130 calls. Year to date so far in 2021 is 173 calls.
  - K. **Police Commission Report-** Did not meet
  - L. **Energy Independence Team Report-** Brooks reported the committee met with an architect at MSA to discuss energy savings and sustainability efforts at the parks and pool. Brooks also reported the committee set a plan for the next meeting to do some goal setting for a new chapter of the comprehensive plan based on carbon neutrality.
  - M. **Board of Appeals Report-**Did not meet
8. **Unfinished Business**
- A. Dugan made a motion, seconded by Morrison to approve Ordinance 2021-10 Winter Parking Ordinance. Motion passed 7-0.
9. **Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator-**Sergeant reported there is a new police cruiser in the budget, the decommissioned Tahoe will be repurposed to be used by city staff for city errand runs. A member of Plan Commission approached the city about an east to west trail connection. He's met with the city engineers and the Economic Development Director to discuss possibilities and grants that are available. Sergeant also reported Baker Street Consulting Group has completed 30 interviews and has 3 more scheduled for their fundraising feasibility study. MSA has 3 concepts for their park improvement project; one for Westside Park in general, the pool in general and the splashpad. Sergeant also reported that The Evansville Fun stopped by and dropped off a \$4,000 donation for the Holiday lights downtown.
10. **Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor-**Mayor Hurtley would like to thank the Police Dept. for the speed radar on Main St. to slow people down. The Leaf Vac is working great and the guys are able to clear the whole town in a day. Thank you to the water and light guys for hanging the holiday lights.
11. **New Business-**None
12. **Introduction of New Ordinances**
- A. First reading of Ordinance 2021-11 Stop Sign Amendment
13. **Meeting Reminder**
- A. Regular meeting December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 6:00 p.m.
  - B. Special Budget Meeting December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

14. **Adjourn**-Stuart made a motion, seconded by Brooks to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. Motion passed  
7-0

Darnisha Haley, City Clerk

The minutes are not official until approved by the Common Council at the next regular meeting.